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Intelligence Information Special Report

COUNTRY USSR/Poland/Warsaw Pact

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SUBJECT

Construction of Combined Armed Forces
Hardened Command Post in Poland

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Summary:

This report is a translation of two letters concerning the construction of a CAF hardened command post on Polish territory, Minister of National Defense JARUZELSKI addressed a letter to then Premier PINKOWSKI, classified SECRET OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, requesting an affirmative answer to a letter from Soviet Marshal KULIKOV, classified SECRET. KULIKOV advised that a previously approved sum of 40 million rubles, 5.4 million rubles of which was to have been Poland's share of the cost for construction of a command post in the USSR, was instead to be used for construction of a hardened command post in Poland. KULIKOV requests concurrence of this proposal, and JARUZELSKI supports it.

End of Summary

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Chairman of the Council of Ministers,
Polish Peoples Republic,
Comrade Jozef PINKOWSKI

In the period 1970-75 the Combined Armed Forces Command of the Warsaw Pact countries obtained concurrence of interested governments as well as signing of an agreement on construction of hardened command posts. This agreement specified construction of two hardened command posts--one in Bulgaria and another in Poland. the financial commitment of the Polish Peoples Republic in this project amounted to 6.75 million transferable rubles, i.e., 13.5 percent of general construction costs (50 million rubles). Command post construction in Bulgaria has been completed, but completion of the post in Poland is scheduled for the end of 1982.

In 1975 the Commander in Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact countries asked all national defense ministers to approve construction of a third command post on USSR territory, the projected cost of which was to be 40 million transferable rubles, of which Poland was to pay 5.4 million rubles. On behalf of the government of the Polish Peoples Republic I agreed to participate in this undertaking. Other ministers of national defense of Warsaw Pact member states, with the exception of Romania, also accepted the subject proposal.

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In a subsequent letter dated 4 July 1980 (translation attached) the Commander in Chief of the Combined Armed Forces proposed that the 40 million rubles, originally set aside for construction of a command post in the USSR, should be used for enlarging the command posts in Bulgaria and Poland. The Statute of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states and of allied organs directing these forces in wartime, which came into force in 1980, stresses the coalitional nature of the Staff of the Commander in Chief of the Western Theater of Military Operations, and at the same time increases its personnel strength. Taking this into consideration we may accept the enlargement of the command posts as justified.

According to incomplete data on hand in the Polish Armed Forces General Staff, most of this sum will be invested in the Polish installation.

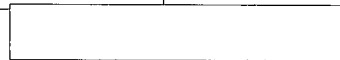
Acceptance of this proposal will bring, in addition to the financial obligation already assumed, new commitments by Poland in terms of assigning considerable construction forces and construction materials in amounts difficult to specify. Because of the nature of the installation its construction will be entrusted to military engineer-construction regiments and this will bring about an appropriate increase of contribution by enterprises of the Ministry of Construction and Construction Materials Industry on behalf of the Ministry of National Defense.

Financial consequences resulting from this proposal of the Commander in Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, which obligate Poland (5.4 million rubles), will be mitigated by the fact that about 50 percent of this sum will return to Poland in the form of payment for labor paid at favorable rates, and for construction materials paid at foreign trade rates.

Also in the agreement prepared on this matter we will attempt to preserve similar rules which have heretofore governed the work of constructing the command post in Poland, to wit:

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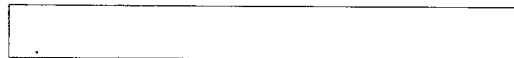
- accounts for construction materials will be settled at rates of foreign trade prevailing during the year of delivery;
- basic materials such as: steel, pipe, cable, reinforced concrete prefabs, etc., will be delivered by the USSR;
- equipment and furnishings will be delivered by the USSR.

I present the foregoing and kindly request Comrade Chairman of the Council of Ministers to approve transmittal of a positive answer to the Commander in Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact countries.

General of the Army Wojciech JARUZELSKI

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Attachment 1

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Minister of National Defense,
Polish Peoples Republic,
General of the Army

Comrade W. JARUZELSKI

WARSAW

Esteemed Comrade Minister:

An agreement was reached in 1975 with you regarding construction of a hardened command post of the Combined Armed Forces on the territory of the USSR, with proportional participation of all allied states, totaling 40 million rubles. Construction of this post has never begun and no expenses have been incurred.

Today the necessity to build the hardened Combined Armed Forces command post on USSR territory no longer exists because control of strategic groupings of the allied armed forces in wartime, in accordance with the Statute, will be exercised by the High Command of the Combined Armed Forces from the Western and Southwestern Theaters of Military Operations utilizing hardened Combined Armed Forces command posts in the Polish Peoples Republic and Bulgarian Peoples Republic.

However, these command points must be improved through expansion of their operational capacity, additional support in communications facilities, and construction of certain technical facilities.

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Because of this I consider it practical that improvement of the above-mentioned command points be made by use of means agreed upon earlier (40 million rubles) for construction of a Combined Armed Forces command post on USSR territory. The amount of proportional participation of the Polish Armed Forces will amount to 5.4 million rubles.

I would appreciate it if you, esteemed Comrade Minister, would forward your views on this question in September 1980. Should you agree, compilation of necessary studies of this project and preparation of a draft of an appropriate agreement could be entrusted to the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, and the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces.

Respectfully yours,
V. KULIKOV,
Marshal of the Soviet Union

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